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SPECTRAL ARTIFACTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/243,535. Prior to the calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Applicants believe the proper fee is submitted herewith, but if any additional fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.